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25th Infantry Division (Light) & U.S. Army, Hawaii *America's Pacific Division*

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Schofield Units Designated for Deployment

SCHOFIELD BARRACKS — Approximately 7,000 25th Infantry Division Soldiers are scheduled to deploy to Iraq next year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom the Department of Defense announced today.

“The Tropic Lightning Division is proud to have been selected for this challenging mission in our nation’s global war on terrorism,” said Maj. Gen. Benjamin R. Mixon, commanding general, 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii. “The Soldiers of America’s Pacific Division are proud, ready and eager to show our Army and our nation that we are true to our motto, ‘Ready to strike! Anywhere, anytime,’” Mixon said.

The Division Headquarters and the 3rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division will deploy as early as next summer to Operation Iraqi Freedom.

“With the upcoming deployment on the horizon it is important to note that our soldiers are our nation’s most valuable combat asset,” Mixon said. “Therefore it is imperative that we provide our soldiers and leaders with tough realistic training like that performed at Makua Military Reservation in order to ensure our combat readiness and save lives on the battlefield.”

This deployment marks the second major deployment of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) and U.S. Army, Hawaii since the Vietnam War. In January of 2004, more than 9,000 Soldiers were deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

In 22 of the 64 years of the 25th Infantry Division (Light) history, Tropic Lightning Soldiers have distinguished themselves in combat operations.

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